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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 403

By Hagood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sean Deitrick on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to recognize our youth for their commitment to the development of character, self-reliance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people, ages six to twenty, with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Sean Deitrick, after considerable efforts and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 graduate of Karns High School, where he excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities, Sean is currently attending Pellissippi State Technical Community College while employed at Celebration Station; and

WHEREAS, known to many friends as a talented artist, Sean Deitrick also enjoys and has a great interest in drama; and

WHEREAS, Sean's exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of his local Boy Scout troop includes having earned more than twenty-one merit badges and having exhibited excellent leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, Sean's Eagle Scout project benefited his community and the state of Tennessee, and reflected the fine traditions of the Volunteer State as he planned, developed, and executed his project for Mount Pleasant, the historic homeplace of John Sevier, the first governor of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sean supervised the building and installation of a walking trail at the Sevier homeplace; he also placed two sets of stairs, one platform, and handrails along the nature trail for greater assistance to the visiting public. With the help of numerous friends, family members, and Boy Scouts, Sean diligently accomplished a great amount of work in a short time; and

WHEREAS, before turning eighteen, a young man must earn twenty-one merit badges to be considered for the honor of being an Eagle Scout, twelve of which are required and nine badges are of his own personal choice; and

WHEREAS, requirements for the rank of Eagle also include a demonstration of the Scout Spirit by living daily the Scout Oath; and

WHEREAS, a Scout must serve in leadership positions within the troop which include planning and executing a Scout Project that is helpful to a religious institution, a school, or the community; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout must receive approval of his project from the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and the Council before embarking upon his momentous task; and

WHEREAS, all Eagle Scouts have a Scoutmaster Conference and must successfully complete an Eagle Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, Sean achieved all of these goals, and more, as the conscientious young man that he is; and

WHEREAS, young men of honor and integrity, who exemplify the true spirit of America, faithfully deserve this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Sean Deitrick on becoming an Eagle Scout and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.